GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LOSS DUE TO NATURAL CALAMITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the important places like Airports, Railway stations, Government buildings and National Highways damaged due to recent flood/heavy rain and cyclone in various States; and

(b) the measures taken by the Union Government to restore normalcy in the affected States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): During the year 2005, 25 States and 01 Union Territory have so far been affected by heavy rains, floods and cyclones and other natural calamites in varying degrees. Apart from the loss of human lives, damage to houses, agricultural crops etc., there have been reports, from some of States which were severely affected, of damage to infrastructure relating to Airports, Railway Stations, Government buildings, National Highways etc. due to recent heavy rains, floods and cyclones.

The Schemes of CRF/NCCF provide for meeting the expenditure for only immediate rescue and relief measures and repair of infrastructure limited to restoring immediate connectivity to facilitate relief works in the affected areas. The expenditure on long term repair/restoration of damaged infrastructure is required to be met from the concerned Plan Schemes of Central and State Governments. The concerned Central Ministries/Departments are required to make their own assessments of the damage caused to their respective infrastructure and undertake the necessary repair and restoration works.

Since the long-term repair/restoration of damaged infrastructure is not covered under the Schemes of CRF/NCCF, the details of sector-wise damage to such infrastructure are not maintained by this Ministry.